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WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON FAO. . . . President Truman and other officials will meet with representatives from the press, radio, and motion picture industries on October 2 to discuss the Food and Agriculture Organization which is to be set up at a conference of United Nations in Quebec, Canada, beginning October 16. FAO will be the first of the new permanent United Nations organizations to be formally established as part of the world structure called for in the recent San Francisco conference.

FAO will deal with all aspects of food and agriculture and with forestry and fisheries and thus should be of great interest to the general public as well as to those engaged in production and distribution of food, fiber, and other products. Since FAO will not have administrative authority binding on the member nations, its effectiveness will depend largely on the extent of public understanding and support given it throughout the world.

Secretary Anderson has issued invitations to about 40 press, radio and motion picture executives to meet in his office at 10:30 a.m. followed by a session at the White House with President Truman at 12:30 p.m. on October 2. Other officials participating include Howard Tolley, U. S. representative on the Interim Commission on Food and Agriculture; L. B. Pearson, Canada's Ambassador to the United States and Chairman of the Interim Commission; Gove Hambidge, Executive Secretary of the Interim Commission; and Sir Girja Bajpai, India's representative on the Interim Commission. These officials will provide advance information about the forthcoming Quebec Conference and discuss matters of public information with the representatives of press, radio, and motion pictures.

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SECRETARY TESTIFIES ON LABOR BILL. . . . On September 27, Secretary Anderson spoke in favor of a proposed amendment to the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 before the Subcommittee of Senate Committee on Education and Labor. He said in part, "Although this proposed legislation does not directly affect farmers or agricultural laborers, I am happy to make a statement about it before this Committee. I believe it will have important indirect effects on agriculture if it becomes law. Farmers are interested in all types of legislation which may lead to increased purchasing power among their customers. This proposed amendment to the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 will no doubt have an influence in expanding the demand for food and fiber. It is, therefore, of concern to all of us who are wrestling with the problems of agriculture. . . . agricultural production in the years ahead is potentially so great that farmers will need every possible increase in market outlets if they are to move their products into consumption at reasonable prices.

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AGRICULTURAL LEGISLATIVE DEVELOPMENTS. . . . September 20, the House committee reported the Government Reorganization Bill; the Senate passed a modified unemployment compensation bill; September 24, the House passed a bill authorizing a health program for government employees; Sept. 25, the President signed a bill terminating daylight saving time on Sept. 30; Sept. 26, the Senate confirmed the nomination of W. Stuart Symington to be Surplus Property Administrator.

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RADIO COVERAGE FOR FAO. . . . The cooperation of educational radio stations in telling the people about FAO is being sought.

As a result of a recent meeting with representatives of the Radio Division of the U. S. Office of Education, USDA Information Director Keith Himebaugh is sending a letter to this effect to heads of radio stations in our schools, colleges, and universities. One specific broadcasting project suggested is coverage of the first FAO conference in Quebec beginning October 16 to continue for two or three weeks. It was also suggested that the radio stations might like to spearhead educational drives on FAO with the cooperation of State Directors of Extension Service, chairmen of State Nutrition Committees, and heads of citizens' organizations in each State who will receive information from their national headquarters. Some background materials were included in the letter; the stations are asked to write for further assistance if desired.

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RURAL HEALTH CONFERENCE. . . . On September 24 an informal conference to discuss the part Extension Service can play in promoting better rural health was held here. A small group consisting of representatives of BAE, Extension Service, and other USDA agencies consulted with the following: Dr. Michael M. Davis, chairman, Committee On Research in Medical Economics, New York City; Dr. Lester J. Evans, Commonwealth Fund, New York City; Miss Elin Anderson, Farm Foundation, Chicago; Director E. J. Haslerud, of the North Dakota Extension Service; Dr. C. Horace Hamilton, Director of Sociological Research, Commission on Hospital Care, Chicago and Dr. Palmer W. Dearing of the U. S. Public Health Service in Washington.

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TURKEYS--A RECORD CROP. . . . The 1945 turkey crop estimated at 650 million pounds dressed weight--19 percent greater than last year--will provide 4.4 pounds per capita for civilian consumption in addition to the quantity needed for the armed forces. Last year's production was 547 million pounds, dressed weight. The heaviest previous yearly per capita supply amounted to 3.7 pounds in 1942, with a pre-war average of 2.6 pounds. The plentiful supply and reduced requirements of the armed forces brought about the termination of WFO 106 on September 24. Supplies of turkey made available under the set-aside order are expected to provide adequately for holiday needs of the armed services.

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MORE POINTS FOR USED FATS. . . . "Save fats and keep America clean" might well be the slogan for housewives and others today. OPA and USDA have announced upping from two to four the number of red points to be given for used fats effective October 1. The 1945 supply of industrial fats of the type collected under the fat salvage program is expected to be millions of pounds short of the 1944 supply. USDA release-1801--OPA-5924.

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AAA "LOCAL OPTION" PLAN ADOPTED. . . . To afford greater local choice of the use of AAA conservation funds with emphasis upon doing the most urgent conservation practices first, the 10 states in the North Central Region have adopted a "local option" method of handling the allocated funds. Township committeemen and farmers may choose a definite number of approved soil-conserving practices to be used on individual farms, subject to review by the county committees. The State committees will allot funds to each county for this purpose out of the \$300,000,000 in the Federal appropriation for soil conservation.

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FOOD ORDERS STILL IN EFFECT. . . . Listed below are the war food orders still in effect as of today. A total of 170 orders were issued during the war of which 109 have now been terminated leaving 61 still in effect.

<u>Dairy Products</u>	<u>Fats &amp; Oils</u>	<u>Misc. Comm. cont'd</u>
11-milk and cream	29-cottonseed, soybean, peanut and corn	67-tallow
15-cheddar cheese	35-rapeseed oil and mustardseed	82-walnuts
54-skim milk, dried	42-edible products	100-130--peanuts
59-rationing of cheese	42a-protective coatings	101-pickles
79-fluid milk & cream	43-coconut, Babassu, palm kernel, etc.	110-soybeans
<u>Meats</u>	59-rationing of	135-Farm mach. and equip.
61-rationing of	67-grease, edible	<u>Delegations of Authority, Rationing</u>
75-livestock & meats	124-linseed oil inv.	56-food ration. to OPA
123-meat slaughtering and delivery	<u>Miscellaneous Commodities</u>	57-In Alaska & Hawaii
139-livestock & meats	1-bakery products	68-In Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, etc.
<u>Fish</u>	4-tobacco	<u>Facilities</u>
44-canned	5, 41, 105-fertilizer	111-food storage, refrig.
52-fishery commodities	9-protein meal and soy-bean products	114-elevation facilities
72-salted	19-spices	117-cotton storage
<u>Poultry-119</u>	21-tea	<u>Regulations</u>
<u>Grain</u>	22-canned & proc. fds.	63-food imports
10-rice	25-cocoa beans	71-food priorities
66-malted grain, etc.	45-beans	73-contract schools--re set-aside and restricted foods
141-distr. & use	47-honey	74-licensed ship suppliers--re set-aside and restricted foods
<u>Sugar</u>	51-molasses	78-enforcement of priority, etc.
7-raw	58-ration. of canned & processed foods.	84-requisitioning of food, etc.
64-rationing of		
131-distr. of		
<u>Fruit</u>		
16-dried fruits		
133-sour red cherries		

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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCTOBER 7-13. . . . In line with President Truman's designation of October 7-13 as fire prevention week, a 6-page fact sheet and a 2-page question and answer piece on fire prevention will go out within a day or two through Extension Service, FSA, FS, FCA, the Office of Labor and other interested agencies. Copies will be available in the Office of Information.

About 3,500 lives are lost each year in farm fires! At least 100 million dollars in farm property goes up in flames each year. The following cause about 35 per cent of this loss, according to the National Fire Prevention Association: defective chimneys and flues; lightening, sparks on roofs; gasoline and petroleum products; matches and smoke, spontaneous ignition; stoves, furnaces and their pipes; and hot ashes and coals, including open fires.

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REA RETURNING TO WASHINGTON. . . . Secretary Anderson announced yesterday that the Rural Electrification Administration, now in St. Louis, will be moved back to Washington as soon as arrangements for housing the agency in the South Building of the Department can be completed.

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USDA RELEASES OF SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE. . . . Turkey set-aside termination announced--1777; Chinese agricultural workers to study in U. S.--1791; Import control order (WFO 63) amended--1794; Preliminary sugar statistics for first 8 months of 1945--1799; Points increased on used fats--1801; REA to move back to Washington--1808; Five fats and oils orders (53, 87, 129, 136, 137) terminated--1809; Clyde W. Warburton, deputy governor of FCA, retires, to be succeeded by Deputy Governor J. E. Wells now in Kansas City--1811; Fourth quarter meat allocations announced--1812; 1945-46 world food situation grows darker--1814.

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"RADIO-ACTIVITY" OCTOBER 6. . . . NATIONAL FARM AND HOME HOUR--M. L. Wilson, Director of Extension Service, will highlight Fire Prevention Week, October 7-13, at 1:00 p.m., EWT (NBC). . . . YOUR HOME AND GARDEN SHOW--Roses in the home garden will be discussed by the Moore-Dumars team (homemaker news as usual). . . . CONSUMER TIME--Dr. Chas. E. Kellogg, Chief of the Division of Soil Survey, ARA, will discuss Russia from the average consumer's viewpoint. This will be first-hand everyday observations from Dr. Kellogg's recent trip to Russia at the invitation of the Soviet Union.

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RECENT USDA PUBLICATIONS. . . . Farm Woodland Management in the Western Gulf Region, AIS 29, 14 p.; Date Culture in the United States, Circ. No. 728, 44 p.; Chilling Injury of Cured and Noncured Porto Rico Sweetpotatoes, Circ. No. 729, 8 p.; Freezing to Preserve Home-Grown Foods, Circ. No. 709, 62 p.; Poison-ivy; Poison-oak and Poison Sumac, Farmers' Bul. No. 1972, 30 p.; The Dairy-Herd-Improvement Association Program, Farmers' Bul. No. 1974, 22 p.

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CIVILIAN MEAT ALLOCATION HIGHER. . . . The civilian allocation of meat for the fourth quarter of 1945 is nearly 30 percent higher than that for the third quarter and 28 percent more than the second quarter allocation. The increased supply for civilians stems from the reduction in military requirements and the seasonal increase in livestock marketings of cattle, lambs, and hogs. However, pork supplies will be short of demand because of the reduction in the spring pig crop.

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MOVIE NEWS. . . . Shooting has started on a movie about the "Cotton South"; the script has been written for a movie on Bang's disease. Prints for "LA TIERRA NUESTRA" (our soil) have been forwarded to Puerto Rico for exclusive use there.

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THE 24th NATIONAL 4-H CLUB CONGRESS is scheduled for December 2-5. Discussions will center around the report of the National Advisory Group on 4-H Postwar Programs. Plans for the congress are being made by the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work and Extension Service representatives. More about them later.

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